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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 ERIN M. STINES

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE
GROUP INC. and JAY LEVITCH,

12 Defendants.

C16-848 TSZ

(Consolidated with C16-1867)

13 SHBIEN CROSS,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE
GROUP INC.,

17 Defendant.

MINUTE ORDER

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19 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable
Thomas S. Zilly, United States District Judge:

20 (1) Plaintiffs' Motion for Consolidation Pursuant to Rule 42(a), docket no. 62
21 in 16-848, is GRANTED. "[C]onsolidation is within the broad discretion of the district
22 court." *In re Adams Apple, Inc.*, 829 F.2d 1484, 1487 (9th Cir. 1987). The Court finds
23 that these actions involve common issues of law and fact and that a joint trial will
promote efficiency and conserve judicial resources. The Court also concludes that the

1 interests of judicial economy outweigh any potential prejudice that might result from a
2 joint trial.

3 (2) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to all counsel of
4 record.

5 Dated this 16th day of February, 2018.

6 William M. McCool
7 Clerk

8 s/Karen Dews
9 Deputy Clerk